Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   1. (Currently Amended)   A data distribution system comprising:

2   partial data preliminary distribution means for distributing partial data, comprising a

3 part of distribution data, together with attribute data including the price of the distribution

4 data, to a storage region provided in each user side;

5   partial data reproduction release means for~~which~~, when the indicates a decision ~~user~~

6 ~~side has decided~~ to purchase the partial data distributed by the partial data preliminary

7 distribution means or ~~the remaining~~ a remaining undistributed part of the distribution data,

8 rendering reproducible~~renders~~ the partial data, except for the attribute data, ~~reproducible~~ from

9 a time~~the time~~ of the decision at the earliest; and

10   remaining distribution data distribution means for~~which~~, upon ~~the~~ receipt of a request

11 from the user side for the distribution of the undistributed remaining part of the data

12 corresponding to the partial data, distributing~~distributes~~ the remaining distribution data to the

13 user who has requested the distribution of the remaining data.

1   2. (Currently Amended)   A data distribution system comprising:

2   partial data preliminary distribution means for distributing partial data, comprising a

3 part of distribution data, together with attribute data including the price of the distribution

4 data, to a storage region provided in each user side;

5   partial data reproduction release means for~~which~~, when the user~~side has~~

6 ~~decided~~indicates a decision to purchase the partial data distributed by the partial data

7 preliminary distribution means or ~~the remaining~~ a remaining undistributed part of the

8 distribution data, rendering reproducible~~renders~~ the partial data, except for the attribute data,

9 ~~reproducible~~ from a time~~the time~~ of the decision at the earliest;

10   payment ability judgment means for~~which~~, upon the receipt of a request from the user

11 side for the distribution of a part or the whole of the undistributed remaining part of the data

12 corresponding to the partial data, judging~~judges~~ whether or not the user, who has requested

13 the distribution of the~~a~~ part or the whole of the undistributed remaining part of the

14 distribution data, can pay the equivalent to the distribution data;

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15   requested data distribution means forwhich, when the judgment by the result of the

16   payment ability judgment means is that the user can pay the equivalent, distributing

17   distributes the requested data to the corresponding user side;

18   accounting means forwhich, when the distribution of the requested data by the

19   requested data distribution means to the user side has been confirmed, performingperforms

20   accounting of the distribution data for the user; and

21   requested data reproduction release means for rendingwhich renders the remaining

22   part of the data, which has been distributed by the requested data distribution means upon the

23   completion of the accounting by the accounting means, usable on the user side.

1   3. (Currently Amended)   A data distribution system comprising:

2   partial data preliminary distribution means for distributing partial data to a storage

3   region provided in each user side, said partial data includingcomprising a part of distribution

4   data for which a time the time of the start of use has been fixed, together with attribute data,

5   which can be disclosed before the arrival of the time of start of use, including at least one of

6   the time of start of use and and/or the price of the distribution data, before the arrival of the

7   time of start of use, to a storage region provided in each user side;

8   partial data reproduction release means forwhich, when the user indicates a decision

9   side has decided to purchase the partial data distributed by the partial data preliminary

10   distribution means or a remainingthe remaining undistributed part of the distribution data,

11   rendering reproduciblerenders the partial data, except for the attribute data, reproducible from

12   the fixed time of the start of use at the earliest; and

13   remaining distribution data distribution means forwhich, after the fixed time of the

14   start of use, upon the receipt of a request from the user side for the distribution of the

15   undistributed remaining part of the data corresponding to the partial data,

16   distributingdistributes the remaining distribution data to the user who has requested the

17   distribution of the remaining data.

1   4. (Currently Amended)   A data distribution system comprising:

2   partial data preliminary distribution means for distributing partial data, comprising a

3   part of distribution data for which the time of the start of use has been fixed, together with

4   attribute data, which can be disclosed before the arrival of the time of start of use, including

5   at least one of the time of start of use and and/or the price of the distribution data, before the

6   arrival of time of the start of use, to a storage region provided in each user side;

7   partial data reproduction release means which, when the user indicates a decision side

8   has decided to purchase the partial data distributed by the partial data preliminary distribution

9   means or the remaining undistributed part of the distribution data, renders the partial data

10   except for the attribute data reproducible from the time of the start of use at the earliest;

11   payment ability judgment means which, after the fixed time of the start of use, upon

12   the receipt of a request from the user side for the distribution of a part or the whole of the

13   undistributed remaining part of the data corresponding to the partial data, judges whether or

14   not the user, who has requested the distribution of a part or the whole of the undistributed

15   remaining part of the distribution data, can pay the equivalent to the distribution data;

16   requested data distribution means which, when the judgment by the payment ability

17   judgment means is that the user can pay the equivalent, distributes the requested data to the

18   corresponding user side;

19   accounting means which, when the distribution of the requested data to the user side

20   by the requested data distribution means has been confirmed, performs accounting of the

21   distribution data for the user; and

22   requested data reproduction release means which renders the remaining part of the

23   data, which has been distributed by the requested data distribution means upon the

24   completion of the accounting by the accounting means, usable on the user side.

1   5. (Currently Amended)   The data distribution system according to claim 1,

2   wherein the remaining distribution data is divided into a plurality of parts and which further

3   comprises distribution interval regulation means that regulates the interval of the distribution

4   of the remaining distribution data for each divided unit to the user according to the progress

5   of a the reproduction of the distribution data by the user.

1   6. (Previously Presented)   The data distribution system according to claim 1,

2   wherein the distribution data are distributed through a radio network.

1   7. (Currently Amended)   The data distribution system according to claim 2,

2   which further comprises means, for balance processing during sales processing, that, when

3   the result of the judgment by the payment ability judgment means is that the user can pay the

4   equivalent, issues a sales code indicating, that sales processing is under execution, and

5   subtracts an amount ~~the amount~~ of money to be paid from the user's balance to determine a

6   new balance value.

1   8. (Currently Amended)   The data distribution system according to claim 7,

2   which further comprises means, for establishing the balance at the time of ~~the~~ completion of

3   accounting, that, when accounting has been performed by the accounting mean, discards the

4   sales code to establish the balance.

1   9. (Currently Amended)   The data distribution system according to claim 7,

2   wherein a period ~~the period~~ of validity is provided in the sales code and which further

3   comprises means, for establishing the balance at a time ~~the time~~ of no charging, that, when the

4   period of validity has expired, returns the new balance value, obtained by subtracting an ~~the~~

5   equivalent value from the balance, to the original value based on recognition that the payment

6   corresponding to an ~~the~~ issued sales code has not been made.

1   10.   (Currently Amended) The data distribution system according to claim 2,

2   wherein the remaining distribution data is divided into a plurality of parts and which further

3   comprises distribution interval regulation means that regulates the interval of the distribution

4   of the remaining distribution data for each divided unit to the user according to ~~the~~ progress

5   of a ~~the~~ reproduction of the distribution data by the user.

1   11.   (Currently Amended) The data distribution system according to claim 3,

2   wherein the remaining distribution data is divided into a plurality of parts and which further

3   comprises distribution interval regulation means that regulates the interval of the distribution

4   of the remaining distribution data for each divided unit to the user according to ~~the~~ progress

5   of a ~~the~~ reproduction of the distribution data by the user.

1   12.   (Currently Amended) The data distribution system according to claim 4,

2   wherein the remaining distribution data is divided into a plurality of parts and which further

3   comprises distribution interval regulation means that regulates the interval of the distribution

4   of the remaining distribution data for each divided unit to the user according to ~~the~~ progress

5   of a ~~the~~ reproduction of the distribution data by the user.

13.   (Previously Presented) The data distribution system according to claim 2, wherein the distribution data are distributed through a radio network.

14.   (Previously Presented) The data distribution system according to claim 3, wherein the distribution data are distributed through a radio network.

15.   (Previously Presented) The data distribution system according to claim 4, wherein the distribution data are distributed through a radio network.

16.   (Currently Amended) The data distribution system according to claim 4, which further comprises means, for balance processing during sales processing, that, when the result of the judgment by the payment ability judgment means is that the user can pay the equivalent, issues a sales code indicating, that sales processing is under execution, and subtracts an ~~the~~ amount of money to be paid from a ~~the~~ user's balance to determine a new balance value.

17.   (Currently Amended) The data distribution system according to claim 16, which further comprises means, for establishing a ~~the~~ balance at the time of the completion of accounting, that, when accounting has been performed by the accounting mean, discards the sales code to establish the balance.

18.   (Currently Amended) The data distribution system according to claim <u>2 which</u> <u>further comprises means, for balance processing during sales processing, that, when the result</u> <u>of the judgment by the payment ability judgment means is that the user can pay the</u> <u>equivalent, issues a sales code indicating, that sales processing is under execution, and</u> <u>subtracts an amount of money to be paid from a user's balance to determine a new balance</u> <u>value</u>~~16, which further comprises means, for establishing the balance at the time of the~~ ~~completion of accounting, that, when accounting has been performed by the accounting~~ ~~mean, discards the sales code to establish the balance~~.